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JOINT STATE/ DEFENSE MESSAGE

1. RE PARA 6(C), REFTTEL(A) AND PREVIOUS REFTELS UNDER

REFERENCE: REQUEST CLEARANCE FOR COL. THOMAS E. MURPHREE,

USMC, AND COL. THOMAS R. KELLY, USMC, BOTH CLEARED TOP

SECRET, TO PROCEED TDY KUWAIT O/ A 15 JUL. 1973. IN

ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR DESIRES, COL. MURPHREE SELECTED IN

ANTICIPATION OF HIS BEING APPROVED AS INITIAL CHIEF OF

PERMANENT GROUP WHEN SUCH GROUP HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED.

2. COL. MURPHREE WILL OPERATE UNDER THE SUPERVISION AND

DIRECTION OF THE U. S. AMBASSADOR, KUWAIT AND IN ACCORDANCE

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WITH APPROPRIATE DOD INSTRUCTIONS.

3. SUBSEQUENT TO ARRIVAL, COL. MURPHREE WILL COORDINATE WITH EMBASSY ON MATTERS OF IN- COUNTRY SUPPORT TO INCLUDE HOUSING, ADMINISTRATION, CLERICAL, ETC.

4. BRIEF DIGEST OF MILITARY HISTORY: COL. MURPHREE HAS AN ABSOLUTELY OUTSTANDING RECORD, HAS HAD EXTENSIVE COMBAT EXPERIENCE, HAS F-8 BACKGROUND, AND HAS PARTICIPATED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SIDEWINDER MISSILE. HE ATTENDED THE U. S.

ARMY' S OFFICER GUIDED MISSILES COURSE AT FT. BLISS, IS GRADUATE OF THE US NAVAL ACADEMY AND THE ARMY WAR COLLEGE, AND POSSESSES AN ADVANCED DEGREE IN MANAGEMENT ENGINEERING. HE HAS SUCCESSFULLY DEMONSTRATED HIS PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE AS BOTH A COMMANDER AND A STAFF OFFICER. HE IS PRESENTLY CHIEF OF STAFF, DEVELOPMENT CENTER, MARINE CORPS DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION COMMAND, QUANTICO, VIRGINIA, WHERE, BY VIRTUE OF HIS DUTIES, HE IS FAMILIAR WITH MATERIALS, SYSTEMS AND TECHNIQUES APPLICABLE TO THE REQUIREMENTS IN KUWAIT. HE COMES HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

5. ANTICIPATE COL. KELLY WILL REMAIN TDY KUWAIT MINIMUM TIME AND NOT OVER TWO WEEKS. COL. KELLY WILL ASSIST COL. MURPHREE IN DEVELOPING RECOMMENDATIONS RE PERMANENT GROUP AND OTHER INITIAL TASKS. HOPE COL. KELLY CAN HANDCARRY TO WASHINGTON FOR FURTHER PROCESSING HERE AMBASSADOR' S RECOMMENDATIONS RE INITIAL SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF PERMANENT GROUP.

6. RE PARA 6(A) AND (B), REFTEL(A): WE ARE STUDYING REQUIREMENTS FOR M-6 OAI AND F-5 E DEMONSTRATIONS AND WILL ADVISE YOU IN THIS REGARD ASAP. RUSH

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